



*Dedication of an
Official State Historical Marker
commemorating*

*The Delaware and Hudson
Gravity Railroad
(1829-1899)*

Sunday January 3, 1999
2:00 P.M.

Gravity Park
Route 6 and Garfield Avenue
Carbondale, Pennsylvania

Historical Marker Inscription:

GRAVITY RAILROAD

Here began one of the first railroads in the Western Hemisphere, built 1828-29. The line had its eastern terminus at Honesdale; its southwestern terminus was later extended to Archbald & ultimately to Valley Junction near Olyphant. Built by the Delaware & Hudson to move coal to the D & H Canal, this line eventually provided passenger service and operated until the beginning of 1899.

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Important Dates in the History
of the Delaware and Hudson Gravity Railroad

October 16, 1828

The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company's canal is
opened from Honesdale to Rondout, NY.

August 8, 1829

Pioneer run of the Stourbridge Lion.

October 9, 1829

The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company's Gravity
Railroad from Carbondale to Honesdale was opened,
carrying its first shipment of anthracite coal.

January 3, 1899

The Gravity Railroad operated for the last time in its
entirety as a gravity line.

*P*ROGRAM

2:00 p.m.

Unveiling and Dedication
Gravity Park

Welcome S. Robert Powell, President
Carbondale Historical Society

Unveiling Michael Talerico, Mayor
City of Carbondale

2:30 p.m.

Historical Program and Reception
Carbondale City Council Chambers

Introduction..... Alan Sweeney, President
Lackawanna Historical Society

Historical Narrative S. Robert Powell, President
Carbondale Historical Society

Remarks Robert Durkin, Executive Director
Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority

George A. Nichols, Commissioner
PA Historical and Museum Commission

Thomas A Browning, Chief of Staff
Senator Mellow's Office

Refreshments and Open House
courtesy of the Carbondale Historical Society and Museum

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Thomas Ridge, Governor

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
Janet S. Klein, Chairman
Brent D. Glass, Executive Director

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